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ACR 65 Willie L. Brown, Jr. Bridge FACT SHEET

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ISSUE

The Honorable Willie L. Brown, Jr. is one of the nation's most prominent and revered political figures. Growing up as a young African American male in rural segregated East Texas during the 1940s, Brown had to overcome the harsh realities of poverty, racism and violence.

As a child, Brown moved to San Francisco, California and successfully earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree from San Francisco State University and his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of California, Hastings College of Law.

Elected to represent San Francisco as a Member of the California State Assembly from 1965 to 1995, Brown held a number of high ranking leadership positions and was elected as Speaker of California State Assembly from 1980 to 1995. Brown was the longest serving Speaker and the first African American Speaker in California history.

After completing his service in the State Assembly, Brown was elected to serve as the 41st Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco from 1996 to 2004. As Mayor, he restructured the city's transit system, expanded affordable housing programs, created a model juvenile justice system and spearheaded the expansion of the University of California, San Francisco campus.

Brown has faithfully dedicated his professional career to serve the people of California and has been a passionate and progressive political leader.

SOLUTION

ACR 65 recognizes Willie Brown's political, professional, and personal accomplishments by naming the western span of San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge the "Willie L. Brown, Jr. Bridge" to honor and commemorate his many contributions to California.

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